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NOTE VERBALE DATED 28 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 28 January 1991 by the spokesman for the Iraqi armed forces concerning the attack launched by aircraft of the United States-NATO-Zionist coalition against Iraqi oil installations in the province of Kuwait.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations would be grateful if the text of this note and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Statement issued on 28 January 1991 by the spokesman for the Iraqi armed forces concerning the attack launched by aircraft of the United States-NATO-Zionist coalition against Iraqi oil installations in the province of Kuwait

In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate,

On the evening of 27 January 1991, at 2115 hours, aircraft of the United States-NATO-Zionist coalition launched an attack against oil installations in the province of Kuwait with a view to destroying oil distribution facilities. Enemy aircraft bombed oil pipelines and intake and regulatory valves at the port of Nida, starting a fire and causing oil to spill into the waters of the Arabian Gulf.

The United States of America and its allies are once again manifesting their insatiable desire to damage and annihilate Arab resources to prevent our people and our nation from enjoying them.

Despite our repeated warnings to the United States and its allies regarding the need to protect the environment of the region and to prevent it from becoming polluted, and although we mentioned the serious dangers arising from their acts, America and its allies persist in following the path of evil, scorning our national heritage and the quality of the environment in this part of the world, placing their limited interests, which lie in the damage they do to Iraq, above any humanitarian considerations. We appeal to world public opinion and to international organizations, particularly those working to preserve the environment, to raise their voices and take action in response to this crime.

Our forces, using all the technological tools at their disposal, are doing everything they can to put out these fires, stop the oil spills and mitigate the effects of the crime perpetrated by the United States.